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Madrid, December 2.

ON the 28th past in the Evening the King and Queen arrived here from the Escurial: The next Day their Majesties, with the Prince, and the Infantes, attended by the chief of the Nobility, went to the Chappel of our Lady of Atocha, where *Te Deum* was sung in Thanksgiving for the Success of his Catholick Majesty's Arms against the Moors in Africa. The last Advices from Ceuta, say the Marquess de Lede continued with his Army in the Camp where the Moors had lain, and had caused their Trenches to be levelled; that there had been some Skirmishes between Parties of the Spanish Horse and the Moors, but no Action of any Consequence; and that the Marquess was expecting Reinforcements and Stores from Andalousia, in order to go upon some further Enterprize. The Court has sent Orders to Cadiz, for two Advice-Ships to be fitted out for Peru and New Spain, whither they are to carry Instructions to the Viceroys, and to the Governours of the Port-Towns, not to admit any Ships from the Coasts of France without all due Precautions, on Account of the Plague. A Courier has been detached to Rome, to notify to the Pope the Success against the Moors, and that his Nuncio Sig. Aldobrandini who lately arrived here, has been admitted to act in that Employment.

Paris, Dec. 18. The King's Declaration for Recalling the Parliament to Paris, passed the Seals on the 16th Instant; and was dispatched immediately to Pontoise, in order to be registred by that Body. On the 14th in the Evening Mr. Law went to Guermande, his Country House about six Leagues from Paris, whither he was followed Yesterday by his Wife and Daughter. Lettres de Cachet were dispatched on the 13th Instant, for recalling Messieurs Paris, four Brothers, from the several Places of their Banishment; which makes it believed they will be employed in the Finances, as they were formerly. M. le Pelletier de la Houssaye has entred upon his Employment as Comptroller-General of the Finances. An Arrêt was published Yesterday, prolonging to the 31st Instant the Term prefixed to the Proprietors of the Actions of the India Company to pay the 150 Livres for every Action, by Vertue of the Arrêt of the 27th past. A List has been published of such Persons as are to deposit a certain Number of Actions at the Bank for three Years, the Sum of which amounts to 56196 Actions.

Paris, Dec. 21. On the 17th Instant the Parliament at Pontoise registred the King's Letters Patents for their Re-establishment at Paris, and on the 19th the first President, at the Head of the Deputies of that Body, went to the Tuilleries to wait on the King, and to thank his Majesty for that Favour; after which they had an Audience of the Duke Regent; his Royal Highness received them very graciously, and Yesterday they opened their Sessions at the Palais with the usual Formalities. The Return of the Parliament has caused great Joy in this Capital, and People perswade themselves that by their Means the publick Credit will be restored. Mr. Law is removed from Guermande, to Effiat, an Estate he has in Auvergne, attended by an Officer of the Guards for his Security. It is said he will retire out of the Kingdom. His Wife returned to Town on the 18th Instant. M. de Matsy, who resides here on the Part of the Court of Rome, having complained against M. Rollin Rector of the University of Paris, for having made lately a Speech wherein he commended the Constancy of the University in opposing the Pope's Constitution, the Court has sent a Lettre de Cachet to the University to strike out of their Registers the said Speech, to depose the Rector, and to put into his Place M. Coffin, which they have complied with accordingly. The Cardinal de Rohan will set forward for Strasbourg in a few Days, on his Way to Rome. The Duke Regent has caused 200000 Livres to be advanced to him.

St. James's, Dec. 9. This Day the Marquess de Pozobueno had his first private Audience of His Majesty; to which he was introduced by the Right Honourable James Craggs, Esq; one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Master of the Ceremonies.

On the 13th the Marquess Pozobueno, and Count Gazola Envoy Extraordinary from the Duke of Parma, had their first private Audiences of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, being introduced by the Master of the Ceremonies.

London, December 17.

Whereas a Letter dated the 14th of this Instant December, and signed J. M was sent to Sir George Caswal, one of the Sheriffs of the City of London; if the Person who wrote the said Letter, will attend him and make out what he therein mentions, he shall receive all fitting Protection and Encouragement.

Office of Ordnance, Dec. 14, 1720.

Whereas Joseph Simkin, Matross, aged 22 Years, five Foot seven Inches three quarters high, of a dark brown Complection, pitted with the Small-Pox, a Fishmonger by Trade, born at Cockford, in Essex, did desert the 4th Instant, from the Detachment of the Royal Train of Artillery at Chatham, commanded by Lieutenant Minnens, and has carried away all his Regimental Cloathing: The Right Honourable the Lieutenant General and Principal Officers of His Majesty's Ordnance do promise to pay 10 l. as a Reward to any Person or Persons who shall take and secure the said Joseph Simkin, upon their Delivering him at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower of London, or to the commanding Officers of the said Royal Artillery at Woolwich and Chatham; or if any one will secure him in any County Goal in England, so that he may be had again, shall receive half the Reward, giving Notice thereof, by Letter, to Mr. John Blake, Jun. at the Office of Ordnance in the Tower of London.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East-Indies do hereby give Notice, that a Quarterly General Court of the said Company will be holden at the East India House in Leadenhall-Street, London, on Friday the 23d Instant, at Eleven in the Forenoon; and that the Transfer-Books of the said Company will be shut up from Friday the 23d of the said Instant to Tuesday the 24th of January next, and that the Annuity Warrants due at Christmas will be ready to be delivered to the Adventurers on Tuesday the 28th of February next.

African House, Dec. 17, 1720.

The Transfer-Books of the Royal African Company of England will be shut from Thursday the 22d Instant in the Afternoon, until Tuesday Morning the 23d of January next, in order to an Election of Governour, Sub-Governour, Deputy-Governour, and twenty four Assistants for the Year ensuing. N. B. The Transfer-Books of the old Stock will be kept separate till April next, when the Dividend is to be made to the Proprietors of the said Stock, pursuant to the Terms of Agreement upon the Ingrossment.

Advertisements.

BLank Warrants to Surveyors of the Highways, pursuant to the several Acts of Parliament for Repairing of the Highways, are printed for Robert Vincent and Son, at the Crown and Scepter over against Fetter-lane in Fleet-street.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against Sir Justus Beck, Bar. of London, Merchant, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 22d and 23th Instant, and on the 16th of January next, at Nine in the Forenoon, at Guildhall, London; at the Second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees. And all Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any Effects of his in their Hands, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but are to give Notice to Mr. Edward Clive, Attorney, in Ironmonger-lane, London.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded against John Guy, late of Stockport, in the County of Chester, Grocer, and he being declared a Bankrupt; is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners on the 22th Instant, at the House of Margaret Turner, in Liverpoole, and on the 14th and 16th of January next, at the House of Mr. Wilkinson, the Post-House, in Stockport aforesaid; at the Second of which Sittings the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, pay Contribution-Money, and chuse Assignees.

W. Hetherington